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Rejections recommended.

NAPLES.

Date.	Name of ship.	Trachoma.	Favus.	Suspected trachoma.	Suspected favus.	Other causes.	Total.
Apr. 15	Madonna	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	8
15	Italia	4	.....	5	.....	.....	9
17	König Albert	4	2	1	7
18	Vincenzo Bonanno
	Total.....	16	7	1	24

PALERMO.

Apr. 17	Italia	9	6	1	16
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JAPAN.

Reports from Yokohama—Inspection of vessels—Examination of emigrants, March, 1908—Smallpox at Yokohama abated—Smallpox at Moji—Summary of smallpox in Japan from January 1 to March 31—Plague and plague-infected rats at Osaka.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Cumming reports, March 31 and April 14:

During the week ended March 28, 3 vessels having an aggregate personnel of 376 members of crew and 183 passengers were granted bills of health.

Of these vessels 1 was bound to Manila, 1 to Portland, Oreg., and 1 to Tacoma.

During the month of March 450 intending steerage passengers to ports of the United States or their possessions were examined with reference to their freedom from loathsome or dangerous contagious diseases, of whom 17 were rejected, 114 advised to wait for treatment, 319 passed, and 295 certified on the manifests.

Three hundred and seventy-seven persons were bathed, of whom 45 were sailors. Thirty-seven were bound to Canada. Nine hundred and thirty-seven pieces of baggage were disinfected.

The smallpox epidemic has subsided, only 10 cases with 4 deaths having been reported last week and no cases for the past 3 days.

The disease is epidemic in Moji and neighboring towns. It is reported that there are 700 cases in the district.

During the two weeks ended April 11 bills of health were issued to 8 steamships having an aggregate personnel of 709 members of crews and 637 passengers.

The steamships *Tudor Prince* and *Verona*, bound for New York, were fumigated to destroy rats. The steamship *Jason*, for Cebu, and the passenger liner *Nikko Maru* were fumigated throughout.

All steerage passengers and members of crews embarking here were as usual bathed and their effects were disinfected.

The smallpox epidemic is nearly over here, but I consider Moji a danger point.

Official statistics for the period January 1 to March 31 show 14,368 cases of smallpox for the Empire, including 5,548 in Hiogo ken (Kobe prefecture), 2,621 in Osaka, and 1,364 in Tokyo, with many in all kens except Kagoshima, with 1 case only, and Miyagi, Akita, and Okinawa, where there are no cases.

During the same period there have been 35 cases of plague at Osaka, with 3,159 infected rats found. Three hundred and one infected rats have been found in Nagasaki, Hiogo (Kobe), and Kanagawa prefecture.

Examination of emigrants.

Number of emigrants per steamship *Korea* recommended April 14 for rejection: For Honolulu, 5; advised to wait, 23.

Per steamship *Kaga Maru*, April 15: For Seattle, recommended for rejection, 3; advised to wait, 13.

Report from Kobe—Inspection of vessels—Examination of emigrants—Decrease of smallpox at Kobe—Plague and smallpox at Osaka.

Temporary Acting Assistant Surgeon Slade reports, April 7:

During the week ended April 4, 2 supplemental bills of health were granted to 2 steamships.

There were inspected 121 members of crews and 16 steerage passengers. Manifests were viséed for 4,629 pieces of freight, amounting to 311 tons. There were three persons (members of crews) vaccinated. One compartment of 1 vessel was disinfected.

The official returns of infectious diseases for the week show that there were reported in Kobe 4 cases of smallpox with 6 deaths.

The report from Osaka for the week ended March 28, shows 1 case of plague with 1 death, and 190 cases of smallpox with 129 deaths.

The decrease in number of cases of smallpox in Kobe was very marked. The report of the disease from Osaka for the previous week shows a decrease of 48 cases.

Report from Nagasaki—Examination of emigrants.

Sanitary Inspector Bowie reports:

Number of emigrants per steamship *Korea* recommended April 7 for rejection, 13. Per steamship *Hongkong* from Shanghai, 2.

MEXICO.

Report from Coatzacoalcas—Inspection of vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Thompson reports, April 30:

Two weeks ended April 29. Inspected 28 steamships bound for the United States.

No quarantinable disease was recorded during the period covered by this report.

Report from Progreso—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Sanitary conditions satisfactory.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Harrison reports, April 25:

During the period April 14 to April 25, no quarantinable disease was reported, and the general sanitary conditions were satisfactory, although the weather was hot and very dry, no rain having fallen for several months.

Bills of health were issued to 5 vessels, 3 of which were fumigated.